Vidya Bharti Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Sansthan

4345. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the existence of an organisation called the Vidya Bharati Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Sansthan;

(b) whether this organisation has set up many schools in different parts of the country; and

(c) if so, what is the total number of these schools and the names of States in which they are located ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to(c) As informed by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) the Vidya Bharti Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Sansthan has not applied for affiliation of any school with them. The Government do not recognise or register an organisation running schools.

Central Open Universities in North-Eastern Region

4346. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of central open universities set up in the country, particularly in the North-Eastern region, during the last three years, till date;

(b) whether Government have any plan to set up any open university in the North-Eastern Region;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No central open university has been established in the country during the last three years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)—a Central University, has already established its two Regional Centres at Guwahati and Shillong and 55 Study Centres to cater to the needs of students in the North-